of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 :—

— Raw hides and skins, leather and patent leather

— Motor cars

— White goods.

454. [*Transferred to 10th May, 1993*]

Demands of employees of Khadi Gramodyog

455. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Association of Employees of Khadi Gram Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi has put forth a demand to make the employees of Khadi Bhavan as regular members of Khadi Commission;

(b) if so, whether the services of these employees have not been regularised even after 38 years of their service; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Employees of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi, have put forth their demand for making their service pensionable.

(b) KVIC have informed that it is not correct to state that the services of these employees have not been regularised. They receive all the benefits available to regular employees other than pension. In lieu of pension, they are covered by the E. P. F. rules.

(c) The extension of pensionary benefit to the trading staff has been examined earlier by this Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure and Deptt. of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare and it was decided not to extend this benefit to the trading staff of KVIC. However, the Employees of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan have filed writ petitions in the matter in the High Courts of Delhi and Bombay respecively. The matter is sub-judice.

Foreign Investment Promotion Board

456. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign investment proposals that have so far been approved by the Central Empowered Committee recently on the basis of the recommendations made by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB); and

(b) what is the likely total foreign investment envisaged in each case indicating the projects, field and States/Union Territories selected for this purpose particularly in Rajasthan as well as Orissa with exact locations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Empowered Committee, constituted in September, 1992, has cleared 227 proposals envisaging total direct foreign investment, including NRI investment, of Rs. 1035.06 crores, till the end of March, 1993.

The proposals which have been cleared are in the field of engineering goods, machinery items, textiles, electronics, chemicals, petroleum & natural gas, food processing and agro-based industries, fermentation, giftwares, granites and ceramic decorated tiles, rubber and leather goods, power generation equipment, transportation equipment and hospitals etc.

Foreign collaboration approvals are intended only to determine the terms and conditions of collaboration. Therefore, foreign investment approvals do not usually indicate state-wise location of the industries and consequently such data are not centrally maintained.

Crisis in salt industry

457. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the salt industry in the country is facing difficulties due to unsold stock of 80 lakh tonnes of salt for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Production of salt depends on weather conditions and due to favourable weather there has been a record production of 135 lakh tonnes in 1992. Reported stock was 51.83 lakh tonnes in 1990, 58.33 lakh tonnes in 1991 and 81.89 lakh tonnes in 1992. This includes both industrial salt and salt for human consumption; and disposal is through normal trade channels.

Manufacturing of small trainer aircraft by BHEL

458. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (B.H.E.L.) has any plan to manufacture a small trainer aircraft; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) BHEL has already started the manufacture of aircraft named Swati. The first batch of 4 aircrafts has already been handed over to Director General of Civil Aviation.

(b) The aircraft is suitable for a wide range of applications, like training, sports, surveillance, photography, courier service and personal use, etc.

Central Government sponsored KVIC Industries

459. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the industries being sponsored/operated by Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the work done in these districts by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As far as M. P. is concerned KVIC has so far undertaken development of Khadi and 24 village industries coming under its purview. As far as U. P. is concerned the KVIC has undertaken development of khadi and 26 village industries coming under its purview.